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SUBJECT: MIG-21 MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS

REF: A) STATE 41458; B) CAIRO 5441 (NOTAL)

1. VADER OF LOCKHEED CALLED DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY
VELIOTES FEBRUARY 20 TO REPORT THAT ASHRAF MARWAN HAS BEEN
IN CONTACT WITH LOCKHEED REPRESENTATIVE IN LONDON TO PUR-
SUE QUESTION OF AIRFRAME MAINTENANCE FOR MIG-21'S.
ACCORDING TO LOCKHEED'S INFORMATION, GOE WILL GO WITH ROLLS
ROYCE FOR ENGINE WORK, BUT AIRFRAME CONTRACT STILL NOT
AWARDED. MARWAN REQUESTED THAT LOCKHEED REPRESENTATIVES
VISIT EGYPT FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS.

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2. VADER STATED THAT HE WILL GO TO CAIRO TO DISCUSS FOUR
POSSIBILITIES:
--A TECHNICAL SERVICES CONTRACT ALONG LINES DISCUSSED
EARLIER, WITH LOCKHEED TECHNICAL TEAM SENT TO EGYPT TO
HELP ORGANIZE MAINTENANCE;
--A PROPOSAL WHICH WOULD ADDRESS QUESTION OF BACK-EN-

GINEERING;

--POSSIBILITY OF LOCKHEED HANDLING "OVERLOAD" MAINTENANCE
EITHER IN U.K. OR YUGOSLAVIA;
--IDEA OF WORKING DIRECTLY WITH AIO TO PERFORM WORK IN

EGYPT.

3. VELIOTES AGAIN CAUTIONED VADER ABOUT MUNITIONS CONTROL ASPECTS AND NOTED THAT, WHILE HE APPRECIATED BEING INFORMED ABOUT LOCKHEED'S PLANS, IT SHOULD BE CLEAR THAT HE WAS MERELY LISTENING. EMBASSY CAIRO WOULD BE IN SAME POSTURE. VADER STATED THAT LOCKHEED LEGAL COUNSEL HAS CONCLUDED THAT NO MC LICENSE REQUIRED PRIOR TO DISCUSSIONS WITH GOE.

4. ON FEBRUARY 22, VADER SPOKE WITH DEPARTMENT OFFICER TO INFORM US OF HIS TRAVEL PLANS. HE WILL ARRIVE IN CAIRO MONDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 27. HE WILL CONTACT EMBASSY MORNING OF 28TH.

5. DURING FEBRUARY 21 CONVERSATION, VADER REPORTED THAT HE HAD SPOKEN WITH DIRECTOR OF OFFICE OF MUNITIONS CONTROL AS SUGGESTED BY VELIOTES. LOCKHEED WILL SEND LETTER TO MC OUTLINING PRESENT DEALINGS WITH GOE, BUT COMPANY INSISTS THAT PRIOR LICENSE NOT REQUIRED. (VADER
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DID AGREE THAT ANY CONTRACT WOULD REQUIRE MC APPROVAL.)

6. COMMENT. POSSIBLE DIRECT INVOLVEMENT OF LOCKHEED IN PROGRAM CONDUCTED THROUGH AIO FURTHER WOULD COMPLICATE SITUATION. VADER OPENLY STATES HIS HOPE TO OUTMANEUVER BRITISH ON AIRFRAME CONTRACT, AND WE ASSUME HIS VISIT TO CAIRO QUICKLY WILL COME TO ATTENTION OF UK EMBASSY. ACCORDINGLY, YOU MAY WISH TO DISCUSS THESE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS WITH UK AMBASSADOR MORRIS TO OBVIATE ANY MISUNDERSTANDING ABOUT PROVENANCE OF THIS INITIATIVE OR ABOUT USG INVOLVEMENT AND POSITION. VANCE

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